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THEREFOR, AND MAGNETIC READ/WRITE APPARATUS

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 31, 2006, as a further concise statement of relevance for JP-A-2002-197635, applicants point out that the Japanese Patent Office, in a second Office Action, dated June 20, 2006, in counterpart Japanese application No. 2004-005778, stated that it is known from column [0024] of JP '635 that the undercoat layer may include metals such as Pt and Pd, and also may include such elements as described in claim 1 of the present application.

Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the second Japanese Office Action, as well as a copy of the first Japanese Office Action of January 4, 2006 that cites and discusses the following documents that applicants previously submitted:

JP-A-2001-291230

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JP-A-2002-216338
JP-A-2003-077122
JP-A-2003-178412
JP-A-2003-217106
JP-A-2001-312815
JP-A-2002-100030
JP-A-2002-352408
JP-A-2002-197635
JP-A-2002-334424s
JP-A-2003-036525
JP-A-2001-256640

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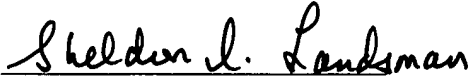
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